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Via ECF

The Honorable P. Kevin Castel
District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
Daniel Patrick Moynihan
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl St.
New York, NY 10007-1312

Application Granted.

So Ordered:


Hon. P. Kevin Castel, U.S.D.J.

12-20-19

Re: *Gupta v. New Silk Route Advisors, L.P., et al.*,
19-cv-09284-PKC

Dear Judge Castel:

[In accordance with Your Honor's Individual Practices, the Defendants in the above-captioned matter respectfully request with the consent of Plaintiff an extension of time until January 3, 2020 to answer Plaintiff's complaint (ECF No. 1). Defendants' answer is currently due on December 20, 2019, and Defendants have not previously requested an extension of time to answer the Complaint. The Plaintiff consents to this request. Defendants require the additional time to continue to consult with counsel regarding the Plaintiff's allegations, some of which concern matters dating back more than a decade. These consultations have been delayed due to holiday travel and business obligations of counsel and the personnel who possess the required information.

The parties previously requested an adjournment of the Initial Pretrial Conference until January 7, 2020 (ECF No. 8), which was granted by the Court (ECF No. 9). This adjournment was necessary because the conference was originally scheduled to have taken place prior to the original due date for the answer of December 20, 2019. We understand that Your Honor's Individual Practices require that the Defendants also request an adjournment of the Initial Pretrial Conference to "a date at least 14 days after the answer would be due." Accordingly, Defendants respectfully request an adjournment of the Initial Pretrial Conference to a date on or after January 17, 2020 that is convenient for the Court. Plaintiff consents to this request but has informed us that they are not available on January 23rd and 24th. No other scheduled dates will be affected by the proposed extension.

For the reasons explained above, Defendants respectfully request that the Court extend the date for Defendants to answer the complaint from December 20, 2019 until January 3, 2020

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and adjourn the Initial Pretrial Conference from January 7, 2020 until a date on or after January 17, 2020.

Thank you for Your Honor's consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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